1	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
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4	MICROSOFT CORPORATION,)
5	Plaintiff,) No. C10-1823JLR
6	v.)
7	MOTOROLA, INCORPORATED,)
8	Defendant.)
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13	BEFORE THE HONORABLE JAMES L. ROBART UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
14	March 9, 2012
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we didn't have any inkling this was coming until this morning.

Let me take this in pieces. First, I am very surprised that counsel would think it is appropriate -- with all due respect to this court, and every other federal district court, to seek to have the court dictate what a German court can do.

THE COURT: Welcome to the Ninth Circuit, sir.

MR. JENNER: It may be. I have to play on the field I am trotting out onto, your Honor. I note that counsel goes so far as to say that the German standards may well be different. I don't know what the German standards are. Counsel suggests they may have a very different view of how you interpret a contract. There are questions in this case of how certain standards that are international in nature may be construed, how you interpret a contract, what the potential remedies might be. But even though those are different, counsel would have your Honor issue an edict to a German court, when they have full opportunity to go to the German court and litigate those issues, which in fact they are doing.

THE COURT: I think they want the edict to be read to you, as opposed to the German court.

MR. JENNER: It would be phrased in terms of,
Motorola, you can't do this. But the effect of that is to

speak to Motorola, and effectively say that a German court shouldn't have the opportunity to adjudicate a German dispute.

I think there is an open question as to how much your Honor will ultimately adjudicate here, as to whether or not Microsoft can be enjoined by Motorola from distributing products in the United States, may or may not be the same question about whether or not Microsoft can be enjoined in Germany, and whether a German court ought to be the institution that speaks to that.

They are in Europe. They are in front of the European Commission. They are in front of the German courts. I suspect they may be in front of other courts. I'm not quite sure, frankly. And they come and say, oh, that is not good enough, we can't seek process in the courts of Germany or the European community, we want this court to disrupt that process under the guise of telling Motorola what you can or can't do.

I submit there are questions of --

THE COURT: Stop for a second. I don't need to here the merits of this right now. I agree with you, it is a very interesting question. It certainly is outside the realm of what I normally do. Is there a reason why they shouldn't file it, and then we can hear it on the merits?

MR. JENNER: Your Honor, I think it is appropriate for the court to hear motions. I am certainly not going to be the person to say that is not an appropriate thing for the court to do. I think it is a waste of time. I think it is inappropriate.

I really have the same feelings I had when we had that telephone conference a few weeks ago, and I heard counsel argue fact issue after fact issue. My response is, your Honor, we are not on a summary judgment motion. I don't think this is appropriate. I think it is a waste of your time. That's all I can say on that subject.

THE COURT: Continue on.

MR. JENNER: Now, as far as having a trial or mini-trial proceeding accelerated to May, the very blitzkrieg that Microsoft says it doesn't want to be subjected to is the blitzkrieg they are perfectly happy to subject us to.

We have served quite a bit of discovery. So has
Microsoft. We have 30(b)(6) notices out to Microsoft. We
have party deposition notices out to Microsoft witnesses.
We have third-party deposition notices out to third
parties. We have document discovery that is ongoing, we
have written discovery. It is going to take at least what
is remaining of 30 days to get the interrogatories and
document requests finished. It is going to take whatever

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RE: Microsoft v. Motorola - Case No. 10-1823

Dear Ralph and Jesse:

The Court has given Microsoft leave to file a motion with respect to Motorola's enforcement of any rulings that may be announced by the court in Mannheim, Germany. As we explained to Judge Robart, Microsoft's objective is merely to preserve the status quo for Microsoft sales and operations worldwide, including Germany, that otherwise would be affected by an injunction on Motorola's RAND-committed patents. If the status quo were maintained, then Judge Robart would be in a position to rule on the RAND related issues raised in our November, 2010 complaint.

We explained in Court last Friday that the need for interim relief would disappear if Motorola would agree that it would not seek enforcement of a German injunction pending a ruling on the RAND related issues by Judge Robart. To secure any possible injury to Motorola during the pendency of the RAND proceedings in Seattle, Microsoft has offered to post a bond of \$300 million.

Please let us know by the close of business on Monday, March 19 whether this approach is acceptable to Motorola. Because the German court has said that it will issue its ruling on April 17, if Motorola will not agree to preservation of the status quo, we will have no alternative except to proceed with the motion authorized by the Court.

Very truly yours,

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Microsoft Corp. v. Motorola, Inc., et al., <u>Case No. 10-1823</u>

Dear Art:

This is in response to your March 14, 2012 letter.

As I told the Court during the February 13 telephone conference and during the March 9 Markman hearing, we continue to be surprised that Microsoft would ask a United States District Court to rule on the propriety of a remedy in Germany, particularly where, as here, there are pending proceedings in Germany where Microsoft has raised directly the issues it intends to raise with Judge Robart. Microsoft has a full and fair opportunity to present its positions in the German proceedings and there is no reason to attempt to involve the Court here in that litigation.

Microsoft's request is particularly curious given that Microsoft knows full well that a procedure is available to Microsoft in Germany (that is not available in the U.S.) that would avoid enforcement of an injunction in Germany. In particular, Microsoft can avail itself in Germany of the "Orange Book" defense. As we understand it, if Microsoft makes an appropriate and acceptable "Orange Book" offer for a license under the patents in suit in Germany, an injunction will not be entered in Germany. However, the adequacy of any such offer under the applicable German law should be considered by the German Court, not here.

Indeed, we understand that Microsoft has already made two "Orange Book" offers, one of which apparently amounted to approximately \$2 million (EUR 1,465,086), which has been rejected as inadequate. We understand that the German Court will determine the adequacy of that offer on April 17 and, in the event the Court determines that Microsoft's offer is inadequate, Microsoft potentially may make additional "Orange Book" offers until acceptable terms are reached.

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March 19, 2012

Now, your letter states Microsoft's willingness to post a \$300 million bond. The sufficiency of this increased offer with respect to the German proceeding should continue to be addressed by counsel in Germany for both parties, in the context of the "Orange Book" defense. We are, of course, not counsel in the German proceedings and, while we have a general understanding of those proceedings, we are not privy to the relevant facts and law.

Accordingly, we have forwarded your letter to Motorola Mobility's German counsel (and to Motorola Mobility) and suggest that Motorola Mobility's and Microsoft's German counsel discuss the adequacy of Microsoft's offer in the context of the proceedings currently pending in Germany.

ry truly yours

Jesse J. Jenner

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

STRATEGIC INTENT, LLC, d/b/a PALOUSE FALLS BREWING COMPANY, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

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STRANGFORD LOUGH BREWING COMPANY LIMITED, et al.,

Defendants

NO. CV-09-309-RHW

ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR ANTI-SUIT INJUNCTION

Before the Court are Plaintiffs' Emergency Motion for Anti-Suit Injunction and Motion to Expedite Hearing re: Same (Ct. Rec. 90). The Court heard telephonic argument on this motion on Tuesday, September 9, 2010. Plaintiffs were represented by Aaron Goforth; Defendant Strangford Lough Brewing Company Limited ("SLBC") was represented by Greg Hessler.

Background

Plaintiffs first filed suit in Whitman County in September 2009. The matter was removed to this Court in October 2009. At issue is a license and franchise agreement between Plaintiffs and Defendant SLBC, an Irish alemaker with operations in North America. Plaintiffs allege that SLBC fraudulently induced Plaintiffs to enter into the license agreement. Plaintiffs assert the following causes of action: (1) fraud/negligent misrepresentation; (2) fraud/negligent misrepresentation in the inducement of the contract; (3) unilateral mistake; (4) violation of Franchise Protection Act; (5) violation of Consumer Protection Act;

and (6) breach of contract. (Amended Complaint, Ct. Rec. 2).

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On June 16, 2010, the Court denied Defendants' motions for protective orders and ruled that all depositions must be taken in Washington State (Ct. Rec. 80). From the parties' briefing on those motions and the hearings in which the parties participated, the Court found that tensions between the parties were high and that the discovery process had become unduly acrimonious. Concerned that the parties might attempt to effectively try the case during discovery rather than resolving it on the merits, the Court decided to take a more active role in the discovery process (see telephonic proceedings on June 17, 2010, and June 22, 2010). Accordingly, the Court set a number of discovery status conferences and directed the parties to contact the Court if additional issues arose during discovery. This desire to more closely manage discovery supported the Court's ruling that all depositions must be conducted locally.

Around July 22, 2010, Defendant SLBC filed suit against Plaintiffs in Northern Ireland, asserting claims for:

An injunction restraining [Plaintiffs] or their servants or agents or otherwise or howsoever from making use of the knowhow belonging to [Defendant SLBC] through their relationship with [Plaintiffs] in their own business enterprise.

An injunction restraining [Plaintiffs] from making use of confidential information acquired/obtained by [Plaintiffs] in the course of their relationship with [Defendant SLBC] and used by [Plaintiffs] in their own business enterprise.

An injunction restraining [Plaintiffs] from making use of the 1.

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An injunction restraining [Plaintiffs] from making use of the 3. intellectual property and trademarks belonging to Defendant SLBC1.

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An injunction restraining [Plaintiffs] from passing their company and products off as that of [Defendant SLBC]. An enquiry into damages for use of confidential business information, alternatively an account of profits together with an order for payment to [Defendant SLBC] of all sums found due upon the making of the said enquiry or the taking of the said 5. upon the making of the said enquiry or the taking of the said account.

Delivery up to [Defendant SLBC] of any documents in the possession, power and control of [Plaintiffs] consisting of any advertising or other promotional belonging to or copied from materials belonging to [Defendant SLBC].

Further and in the alternative damages for loss and damage sustained by [Defendant SLBC] by reason of the use of [Defendant SLBC]'s goodwill by [Plaintiffs] and further by the 6.

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appropriation of confidential business information by [Plaintiffs] from [Defendant SLBC]. Such further and other relief as the Court deems appropriate.

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(Declaration of Jeffrey A. Green, Ct. Rec. 92, p. 8, Exhibit 1: High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland's Writ of Summons).

Plaintiffs argue that this Northern Irish suit is duplicative of the litigation pending before this Court and Defendants should therefore be enjoined from pursuing it. Defendants have agreed to toll the deadlines in the foreign suit until the Court rules on Plaintiffs' motion.

Standard of Review

The primary Ninth Circuit case setting forth the standard of review for antisuit injunctions is E. & J. Gallo Winery v. Andina Licores S.A., 446 F.3d 984 (9th Cir. 2006). There, the Ninth Circuit reviewed prior case law on the topic and expressly adopted four factors articulated by the Fifth Circuit: "foreign litigation may be enjoined when it would: (1) frustrate a policy of the forum issuing the injunction; (2) be vexatious or oppressive; (3) threaten the issuing court's in rem or quasi in rem jurisdiction; or (4) where the proceedings prejudice other equitable considerations." Id. at 990 (quoting In re Unterweser Reedereir Gmbh, 428 F.2d 888, 896 (5th Cir. 1970)). The Ninth Circuit further noted that the test is disjunctive: "For purposes of this action, we may rely on any of the *Unterweser* factors if it applies to the case and if the impact on comity is tolerable." *Id.* at 991. To apply the *Unterweser* test, the Circuit asked three specific questions: (1) "whether or not the parties and the issues are the same, and whether or not the first action is dispositive of the action to be enjoined"; (2) whether the foreign litigation "would frustrate a policy of the forum issuing the injunction"; and (3) "whether the impact on comity would be tolerable." *Id.* at 991-94.

The Ninth Circuit revisited the anti-suit injunction test in *Applied Med*. Distrib. v. Surgical Co. BV, 587 F.3d 909 (9th Cir. 2009). There, the Circuit ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR ANTI-SUIT **INJUNCTION * 3**

clarified the standard to be applied under Gallo's first question regarding identity of the parties/issues and the dispositiveness of the local action: "Under Gallo, the claims in the two actions are functionally the same and the first action is dispositive of the action to be enjoined [if] all of the [foreign] claims fall under the contract's forum selection clause and can be litigated and resolved in the [local] action." Id. at 914.

Analysis

Plaintiffs' motion describes Defendant SLBC's foreign action as presenting claims that all "arise under and relate to the Exclusive Licensing Agreement in dispute in this case." (Ct. Rec. 91, p. 4). Plaintiffs then address each of the four *Unterweser* factors, arguing that each one justifies granting the motion and enjoining the foreign suit. In response, Defendant SLBC describes the foreign action as a "trademark infringement action," wholly separate from Plaintiffs' contractual claims in this action. (Ct. Rec. 97, p. 5). Defendant reads the case law as setting forth a mandatory two-part test: "Should the party seeking the anti-suit injunction prove the first step – that the parties and issues are the same, and that the first action is <u>dispositive</u> of the action sought to be enjoined – the Court will then proceed to step two... However, if step one is answered in the negative, the anti-suit injunction must be denied." (Ct. Rec. 97, p. 8) (emphasis in original). In support, Defendant cites *Applied Med.*, *supra*.

The Court concludes that Defendant misreads Applied Med., incorrectly arguing that the case requires a precise identity of issues and claims for an injunction to issue. In fact, Applied Med. reversed a district court decision that required an identity of claims rather than "engaging in the more functional inquiry concerning dispositiveness required by Gallo." 587 F.3d at 914. Moreover, the specific page Defendant cites in support of its argument states: "the Ninth Circuit does not require foreign claims to be identical in form to the local claims," and rejects a defendant's argument as imposing "an unjustifiably narrow view of how

issues can overlap." *Id.* at 918. In addition, Defendant's construction of a mandatory two-part test is not consistent with the case law, which instead sets forth a disjunctive test: the Court may "rely on any of the *Unterweser* factors if it applies to the case and if the impact on comity is tolerable." *Gallo*, 446 F.3d at 991.

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Comparing the gravamen of Plaintiffs' Amended Complaint with the claims in Defendant's foreign action, the Court finds that each of Defendant's claims arise under the license agreement at issue and "can be litigated and resolved in the [local] action." Applied Med., 587 F.3d at 914. As delineated in Plaintiffs' reply memorandum, each of the claims for relief in the foreign action closely mirror the language of the license agreement (see Ct. Rec. 99, pp. 2-3). Under the practical, functional inquiry mandated by Gallo and Applied Med., it is clear that each of Defendant's claims in the foreign action function as claims to enforce specific provisions of the license agreement. Put another way: while Defendants style the foreign action as one for trademark infringement, the actual injunctions they seek would merely enforce rights they specifically protected in the license agreement. That those rights might also be protected by Northern Irish trademark law does not change the fact that Plaintiffs' alleged violation of those rights would constitute a breach of the license agreement. Moreover, as Plaintiffs point out, Defendant's claim for damages in the foreign action is functionally duplicative of their affirmative defense seeking offsetting damages in the action before this Court. (Defendant SLBC's Answer, Ct. Rec. 14, p. 24, Affirmative Defense 19). Both claims seek monetary damages for Plaintiffs' alleged breach(es) of the license agreement. While the nature of Defendant's claim for offsetting damages in the local action is not clear, the foreign action seeks damages for Plaintiffs' use of Defendant's "goodwill" and "appropriation of confidential business information," which if true would constitute breaches of ¶¶ 7.2.3 and 8.1 of the license agreement. (See Decl. of Jeffrey A. Green, Ct. Rec. 92, Exclusive Microbrewery License, Equipment, and Wort Supply Agreement, p. 18).

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This is not a situation where Plaintiffs are random infringers of Defendant's intellectual property; rather, resolution of Defendant's trademark infringement claims would necessarily require interpretation of the license agreement and the rights of the parties protected therein. The license agreement granted Plaintiffs certain rights to use Defendant's intellectual property, and therefore the claim that Plaintiffs unlawfully infringed upon Defendant's intellectual property rights could only be resolved by interpreting the rights set forth in the license agreement – in particular, determining the scope and duration of those rights. Accordingly, Defendant could bring each of the claims in the foreign action as counterclaims (whether compulsory or permissive) in this action.

Therefore, the Court finds that the parties and issues are the same, and the local action is functionally dispositive of the foreign action – thus answering Gallo's first question in Plaintiffs' favor. The Court also finds that considerations of policy and comity weigh in Plaintiffs' favor.

The Court cannot analyze the policies at issue on a blank slate, but rather must consider the acrimonious history of this case, as related above. This record supports a conclusion that the foreign suit is designed to be "vexatious or oppressive," and would frustrate this Court's policies of closely managing discovery, avoiding duplicative litigation, and conserving the resources of the parties and the Court – thus satisfying two more of *Unterweser*'s disjunctive factors. Gallo, 446 F.3d at 990. Defendant claims that the filing of the suit in Northern Ireland is wholly unrelated to the prosecution of the local action. However, this claim is undermined by the timing of the foreign action. Though it is clear from the record that Defendant contemplated filing the Northern Irish action as early as one year ago (see Decl. of Greg Hessler, Ct. Rec. 98, letter from Linda Schauble-Ruff to Peter Bowles dated September 22, 2009), Defendant did so only a few weeks after the Court ruled that all depositions must be conducted here in Washington State. Plaintiffs have previously alleged that Defendants' discovery

conduct was designed to prolong litigation and increase Plaintiffs' expenses, and the Court finds that the timing of the suit in Northern Ireland supports that allegation. Only after learning that its agents must travel to the U.S. for depositions, and that Plaintiffs would not have to travel to Ireland, did Defendant file this foreign suit. For the Plaintiffs, defending themselves in the foreign suit would require the same kinds of expenditures and foreign travel that Plaintiffs had just avoided by virtue of this Court's ruling. The timing of the Northern Irish suit suggests that it is an attempted end-run around the Court's ruling, and as such it invokes the equitable considerations that support the imposition of an injunction under the *Unterweser* factors.

In addition, the Court finds that the analyses of policy and comity found in Gallo and Applied Med. apply equally here, though it is true that the forum selection clause in the instant contract is distinct. In both Gallo and Applied Med., the contracts at issue included unambiguous forum selection clauses identifying the local forum as the exclusive jurisdiction for resolution of the parties' disputes. Gallo, 446 F.3d at 987; Applied Med., 587 F.3d at 911. Accordingly, in both cases the Circuit recognized the important policy of enforcing forum selection clauses to provide clarity in parties' contractual negotiations, both in national and international commerce. Gallo, 446 F.3d at 992; Applied Med., 587 F.3d at 918-19. The fact that the foreign litigants had willingly entered into such forum selection clauses also dictated the Circuit's holdings that enforcing the clauses did not impact comity. Gallo, 446 F.3d at 994; Applied Med., 587 F.3d at 920.

Here, rather than an exclusive forum selection clause of the kind found in Gallo or Applied Med., the license agreement states the following: "The laws of Northern Ireland shall govern this Agreement should the cause of action be the Licensor's and Whitman County, Washington, USA should it be the Licensee's. Both parties agree to refer any dispute in the first instance to arbitration, the place of arbitration being decided in accordance with who is the referring party." (Decl.

of Jeffrey A. Green, Ct. Rec. 92, p. 20, Exclusive Microbrewery License, Equipment, and Wort Supply Agreement, ¶ 10.5). The parties permanently waived arbitration by stipulation in this matter (Ct. Rec. 45).

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Neither party cites an applicable case involving a clause of this kind, and the Court finds none. Nonetheless, the rationale applied in Gallo and Applied Med. counsels toward granting Plaintiffs' motion here. Although this license agreement is not as simple as in those prior cases, it does express the parties' intent to allow the party who files first to determine the venue of the suit and the law to be applied. Though arbitration was waived, the license agreement allows the "referring party" – i.e., the party first alleging breach of the agreement – to choose the place of arbitration and the applicable law. Thus this provision is functionally identical to a traditional forum selection clause, and the same policies supporting enforcement of those clauses support enforcement of the clause here. Just as did the defendants in Gallo and Applied Med., Defendant SLBC here freely negotiated a contract which subjected them to suit in this forum. Like a traditional forum selection clause, the clause here provides advance clarity to the parties as to where any dispute between them will be resolved. Therefore, "protecting contractual devices that provide such indispensable, essential functions within international trade justifies the imposition of an anti-suit injunction." Gallo, 446 F.3d at 993.

In conclusion, the Court finds that: (1) the parties and issues are the same, and the local action is functionally dispositive of the foreign action; (2) allowing Defendants to proceed in the foreign action would violate several policies of the local forum, including managing discovery, avoiding duplicative litigation, conserving the resources of the parties and the Court, and encouraging enforcement of forum selection clauses; (3) the foreign action would be "vexatious and oppressive"; and (4) granting the anti-suit injunction would not impact comity.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Plaintiffs' Emergency Motion for Anti-Suit Injunction and Motion to ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR ANTI-SUIT INJUNCTION * 8

Expedite Hearing re: Same (Ct. Rec. 90) is GRANTED.

2. Defendants are enjoined from proceeding with the litigation entitled Strangford Lough Brewing Company Ltd v. Strategic Intent LLC trading as Palouse Falls Brewing Co., Jeffrey Greene and Melinda Greene, Cause No. 93647, filed in 2010 in the High Court of Justice in Northern Ireland, Queen's Bench Division. Defendants or their attorneys shall provide notice of the injunction to those listed in Fed. R. Civ. P. 65(d)(2).

IT IS SO ORDERED. The District Court Executive is directed to enter this Order and forward copies to counsel.

DATED this 9th day of September, 2010.

s/Robert H. Whaley ROBERT H. WHALEY United States District Judge

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